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Michigan Fruit Production 2014

Most fruit development was behind schedule this season due to cold temperatures late into spring, leading to a decrease in production from 2013 for all non-citrus fruits except strawberries and sweet cherries, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Michigan apple production was 1.00 billion pounds, down from a record 1.26 billion pounds in 2013. The preliminary farm level value of production was \$228 million. Though production decreased from 2013 due to late development and winter injury in some areas, fruit quality was generally excellent throughout the State.

Michigan tart cherry production was 203 million pounds, compared with 219 million pounds in 2013. The average yield was 7,280 pounds per acre. The preliminary farm level value was \$72.9 million. Despite the decrease in production from 2013, both yields and the fruit quality were very good this year. 2014 was an excellent year for sweet cherries in Michigan. Sweet cherry production was 29,860 tons, a 30.5% increase from 22,900 tons produced in 2013. The average yield was 4.33 tons per acre. The preliminary farm level value was \$25.8 million.

Cultivated blueberry production in Michigan was 92.0 million pounds. Michigan growers harvested 19,000 acres in 2014. The farm level value was \$114 million. Strawberry production in Michigan was 4.50 million pounds on 750 harvested acres. The farm level value was \$7.26 million.

Michigan grape production was 63,300 tons. The farm level value was \$19.3 million. There were 44,500 tons of Concord and 20,000 tons of Niagara grapes processed. There was significant winter injury to grapes in some vineyards, especially to vinifera grape varieties. Milder summer conditions slowed development, which negatively affected the crop. Michigan peach production was 8,540 tons, down from 20,600 tons in 2014. Bearing acres were 2,900, and the farm level value was \$6.61 million. Peach production was much lower than 2013 due to slow development and significant winter injury to trees throughout the State. Pear production in Michigan was 2,520 tons on 700 acres. The farm level value was \$935,000. Michigan plum production was 1,700 tons on 400 acres. The farm level value was \$862,000.

Fruit production: Michigan and U.S., 2013-2014

Fruit	Michigan				United States			
	Bearing acres		Total production		Bearing acres		Total production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>
Apples	36,500	36,500	1,260.0	1,000.0	328,620	327,380	10,399.1	11,251.2
Tart cherries	28,000	27,900	218.7	203.0	38,150	37,950	294.2	288.8
Blueberries ¹	19,000	19,000	114.0	92.0	80,460	82,630	540.8	566.9
Strawberries ¹	750	750	4.4	4.5	60,410	59,895	3,047.0	3,022.2
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Thousand tons</i>	<i>Thousand tons</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Thousand tons</i>	<i>Thousand tons</i>
Sweet cherries	6,600	6,900	22.9	29.9	90,100	90,000	332.1	381.9
Grapes	13,800	13,600	94.0	63.3	1,046,920	1,049,600	8,630.9	7,769.6
Peaches	3,300	2,900	20.6	8.5	105,890	102,750	903.9	846.6
Pears	700	700	5.4	2.5	49,600	49,300	877.1	808.2
Plums and prunes ²	500	400	1.9	1.7	2,600	2,500	13.4	14.8

¹ Harvested acres.

² Excludes California plums and prunes.